

**TOWN OF TEMPLETON**  
**WARRANT FOR FALL TOWN MEETING**  
**October 26, 2020**

**WORCESTER, ss.**

To either of the Constables of the Town of Templeton in said County:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the precincts of the Town of Templeton, County of Worcester, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Narragansett Regional Middle School, 460 Baldwinville Road, Baldwinville, in said Templeton on:

**Monday, October 26, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.**

Then and there to act on the following articles:

Steven Drury asked to make a point of order and wanted to discuss the lack of a quorum. The moderator heard him and overruled him.

**ARTICLE 1: PAYMENT OF LATE BILLS**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the payment of late bills from prior fiscal years from the FY 2020 budgets of the following departments in the following amounts:

Highway Department	\$121.28
Town Clerk	\$ 87.81

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by the Select Board**  
**9/10ths Vote Required**

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to authorize the payment of late bills from prior fiscal years from the FY 2021 budgets of the following departments in the following amounts:

Highway Department	\$121.28
Town Clerk	\$ 87.81

**Passed by a 9/10<sup>th</sup> vote (y-30, n-1)/October 26<sup>th</sup> @ 6:16pm**

**ARTICLE 2: CONSENT AGENDA (Held Over from 2020 ATM)**

To see if the Town will vote to approve a consent agenda consisting of the following non-controversial actions or take any other action related thereto. Such items may be voted as a single block, or in any combination, but however voted, will be treated for accounting and legislative purposes as if each item were voted as a separate article.

**A. REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICERS**

Accept the reports of the Town Officers as printed in the 2019 Town Report:

## **B. REPORTS OF TOWN COMMITTEES**

Allow any of the Town Committees to present their reports;  
Or take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by the Select Board**

**Majority Vote Required**

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to approve a consent agenda consisting of the following non-controversial actions or take any other action related thereto. Such items may be voted as a single block, or in any combination, but however voted, will be treated for accounting and legislative purposes as if each item were voted as a separate article.

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**Passed/October 26<sup>th</sup> @ 6:17pm**

### **ARTICLE 3: AMENDING THE FY '21 OPERATING BUDGET**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the FY '21 Operating Budget by reducing the sum budgeted for Debt Service by One Hundred Thirty-One Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Four Dollars and No Cents (\$131,384.00) to \$2,504,236.

Or to take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by the Treasurer-Collector, Select Board**

**Majority Vote Required**

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to amend the FY '21 Operating Budget by reducing the sum budgeted for Debt Service by One Hundred Thirty-One Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Four Dollars and No Cents (\$131,384.00) to \$2,504,236.

**Passed/October 26<sup>th</sup> @ 6:19pm**

### **ARTICLE 4: AMENDING THE BYLAWS RE: APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article I Section §59-3 of the General Bylaws by making certain additions (in bold) and deletions (in strikethrough) to the existing Bylaw, to read as follows:

The Board shall annually, in June, choose and appoint all necessary Town officers, **and** Trustees for **the** Boynton Public Library; and the Gilman Waite Memorial Field, ~~and Trustees for the Jehu Richardson Fund, the Masonic Fund, and the Waldo N. Haskell Fund,~~ to serve from July 1 to the following June 30.  
Or take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by the Select Board  
Majority Vote Required**

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to amend Article I Section §59-3 of the General Bylaws by making certain additions (in bold) and deletions (in strikethrough) to the existing Bylaw, to read as follows:

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**Passed Unanimously/October 26<sup>th</sup> @ 6:24pm**

**ARTICLE 5: CAPITAL BUDGET & SPECIAL ARTICLES RE: GENERAL FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Fifty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$57,500.00) for various capital activities and special articles as generally described below:

<b>Department</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Treas/Coll – Tax Title Work	\$17,500
NRSD-Regional Agreement	\$17,500
Vehicle Repairs	\$15,000
ClearGov	\$7,500

And to meet said appropriation by a transfer of said sum from certified free cash.  
Or take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by the Select Board  
Majority Vote Required**

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to appropriate the sum of Fifty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$57,500.00) for various capital activities and special articles as generally described below:

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Treas/Coll – Tax Title Work	\$17,500
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And to meet said appropriation by a transfer of said sum from certified free cash.

**Passed/October 26<sup>th</sup> @ 6:38pm**

**ARTICLE 6: DEPOSITS TO GENERAL FUND STABILIZATION & OPEB ACCOUNTS**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$202,500.00) to make deposits into its Operations (OPEX) and Capital (CAPEX) stabilization accounts and the OPEB reserve account as follows:

OPEX	\$142,500
CAPEX	\$40,000
OPEB	\$20,000

And to meet said appropriation by a transfer of said sum from certified free cash.  
Or take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by the Select Board**  
**Majority Vote Required**

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$202,500.00) to make deposits into its Operations (OPEX) and Capital (CAPEX) stabilization accounts and the OPEB reserve account as follows:

OPEX	\$142,500
CAPEX	\$40,000
OPEB	\$20,000

And to meet said appropriation by a transfer of said sum from certified free cash.  
**Passed/October 26<sup>th</sup> @ 6:40pm**

**ARTICLE 7: COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT APPROPRIATIONS**

To see if the Town will vote to accept the report of the Community Preservation Committee and to appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$50,000.00) for various activities and special articles as follows:

<b>Item Agent to Expend</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>CPA Fund/Source</b>
1.) Select Board	\$50,000	Stone Bridge <sup>1</sup>	General Reserve

<sup>1</sup> Phase 1 of development work removing the existing culvert and constructing bridge abutments for the re-use of the Stone Bridge on Stone Bridge Road for Open Space and Recreational use.

**Submitted by the Select Board**  
**Majority Vote Required**

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to accept the report of the Community Preservation Committee and to appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$50,000.00) for various activities and special articles as follows:

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1.) Select Board	\$50,000	Stone Bridge <sup>1</sup>	General Reserve

<sup>1</sup> Phase 1 of development work removing the existing culvert and constructing bridge abutments for the re-use of the Stone Bridge on Stone Bridge Road for Open Space and Recreational use.

**Passed/October 26<sup>th</sup> @ 6:41pm**

**ARTICLE 8: RETENTION OF TAX DEEDED PROPERTIES**

To see if the Town will vote to retain for its use certain tax delinquent properties for which it foreclosed the right of redemption and acquired through tax deed for the following purposes:

Parcel 1: Elm Street; Land of 3,500+/- sf (Board of Assessor's Map, 5-04, Parcel 30.1 Worcester County Registry of Deeds Bk. 17084, Pg. 174) for recreation purposes; and

Parcel 2: Elm Street; Land of 19,500+/- sf (Board of Assessor's Map, 5-04, Parcel 30.2 Worcester County Registry of Deeds Bk. 17084, Pg. 173) for highway and general municipal purposes.

Or take any other action related thereto

**Submitted by the Select Board**

**2/3 Vote Required**

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to retain for its use certain tax delinquent properties for which it foreclosed the right of redemption and acquired through tax deed for the following purposes:

Parcel 1: Elm Street; Land of 3,500+/- sf (Board of Assessor's Map, 5-04, Parcel 30.1 Worcester County Registry of Deeds Bk. 17084, Pg. 174) for recreation purposes; and

Parcel 2: Elm Street; Land of 19,500+/- sf (Board of Assessor's Map, 5-04, Parcel 30.2 Worcester County Registry of Deeds Bk. 17084, Pg. 173) for highway and general municipal purposes.

**Passed by 2/3 vote/October 26<sup>th</sup> @ 6:42pm**

#### **ARTICLE 9: SALE OF PARCELS TAX DEEDED LAND**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to dispose of certain tax delinquent properties, for which it foreclosed the right of redemption and acquired through tax deed as follows:

**Parcel 1:** State Road; Land of 16,250<sup>+/-</sup> s.f. [Board of Assessor's Maps, Parcel 1-3-1.31.1. Worcester County Registry of Deeds Bk. 12401 Pg. 0332.]

**Parcel 2:** Fifth Street; Land of 7,500<sup>+/-</sup> s.f. [Parcel 4-11.108. Worcester County Registry of Deeds Bk. 22558 Pg. 0094.]

**Parcel 3:** Willow Street; Land of 87,000<sup>+/-</sup> s.f. [Parcel 5-08.19. Worcester County Registry of Deeds Bk. 10445 Pg. 0134.]

**Parcel 4:** Whitney Street; Land of 40<sup>+/-</sup> acres [Parcel 5-14.26. Worcester County Registry of Deeds Bk. 43578 Pg. 0036.]

**Parcel 5:** South Main Street; Land of 54,500<sup>+/-</sup> s.f. [Parcel 4-12.175.2. Worcester County Registry of Deeds Bk. 44050 Pg. 0071.]

**Parcel 6:** Laurel View; Land of 43,500<sup>+/-</sup> s.f. [Parcel 4-10.119.7. Worcester County Registry of Deeds Bk. 47520 Pg. 0043.]

**Parcel 7:** Pleasant Street; Land of 12,250<sup>+/-</sup> s.f. with fire damaged structure [Parcel 1-04.132. Worcester County Registry of Deeds Bk. 61845 Pg. 212.]

And further to authorize the Select Board to execute, deliver, and grant such deeds, with restrictions including, but not limited to, those set forth in a document entitled “Sale Of Tax Deeded Lands, Templeton, MA August 19, 2020, instruments and agreements as it deems reasonable, appropriate and in the best interests of the Town to effectuate the transfer of title and the purposes of this article; Or take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by the Select Board**

**Two-Thirds Vote Required**

The cited document is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk and the Town’s web site of [www.templetonma.gov](http://www.templetonma.gov) on the page entitled “Paid, Volunteer, & Contract Opportunities Volunteer”

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to authorize the Select Board to dispose of certain tax delinquent properties, for which it foreclosed the right of redemption and acquired through tax deed as follows:

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**Passed by 2/3 vote/October 26<sup>th</sup> @ 6:44pm**

**ARTICLE 10: CITIZEN’S PETITION: FLUORIDE WARNING ON WATER BILLS (Held Over from 2020 ATM)**

Shall the Town vote to approve a warning concerning Templeton citizen's fluorosis risk the additive poses to infants, to be added to all water bills and consumer confidence reports (which must be mailed to all water consumers, be posted online, and available at the Select Board's Office and the Light and Water Department). The warning is as follows:

"Your public water supply is fluoridated. According to the Centers for Disease Control Prevention, if your child under the age of 6 months is exclusively consuming infant formula reconstituted with fluoridated water, there may be an increased chance of dental fluorosis. Consult your child's health care provider for more information."

Or take any other action related thereto.

**A citizen's petition submitted by Peter Farrell and 13 others**

A motion duly made and seconded that the Town vote to approve a warning concerning Templeton citizen's fluorosis risk the additive poses to infants, to be added to all water bills and consumer confidence reports (which must be mailed to all water consumers, be posted online, and available at the Select Board's Office and the Light and Water Department). The warning is as follows:

"Your public water supply is fluoridated. According to the Centers for Disease Control Prevention, if your child under the age of 6 months is exclusively consuming infant formula reconstituted with fluoridated water, there may be an increased chance of dental fluorosis. Consult your child's health care provider for more information."

**A motion was duly made and seconded to move the question.**

**Passed Unanimously/October 26<sup>th</sup> @ 6:59**

**On main motion**

**Defeated (y-12, n-20)/October 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7:08**

#### **ARTICLE 11: CITIZEN'S PETITION: FLUORIDE LEGISLATION (Held Over from 2020 ATM)**

Move that the town will vote to authorize the Select Board to seek Special Legislation as set forth below: provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Select Board is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition or take any other action thereon or in relation to.

An Act authorizing Annual Town Meeting as the responsible party on any and all decisions involving fluoridating or not fluoridating the public water supply.

Section 1. Notwithstanding Section 8C, Chapter 111, Title XVI, Part 1 of the general laws of or any general of special law to the contrary, the legislative body at Annual Town Meeting with a majority vote shall be authorized to make any and all decisions in regards to fluoridating or not fluoridating the public water supply however should town meeting vote to fluoridate the public water supply oversight on fluoride dose shall go to the towns Board of Health. Annual town meeting shall also make decisions on health warnings involving water fluoridation and any other decisions involving fluoride and the public water supply.

Section 2. Upon effective date of this act the Legislative body at Annual Town Meeting shall become the responsible party for all matters concerning fluoride and the public water supply.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

**A citizen's petition submitted by Peter Farrell and 15 others**

A motion was duly made and seconded that the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to seek Special Legislation as set forth below: provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Select Board is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition or take any other action thereon or in relation to.

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Section 2. Upon effective date of this act the Legislative body at Annual Town Meeting shall become the responsible party for all matters concerning fluoride and the public water supply.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

**A motion was duly made and seconded to move the question.**

**Passed/October 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7:23**

**On main motion**

**Defeated/October 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7:23**

**ARTICLE 12: CITIZEN'S PETITION: QUORUM AT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING (Held Over from 2020 ATM)**

The number of voters necessary to constitute a quorum at Annual Town meeting shall be ( 25% ) per cent of the voters registered as of the previous January 1, Year Once a quorum has been assembled, the continued existence of a quorum shall be presumed until a count of the voters present is called / which shall be taken upon the call of seven or more standing registered voters, establishes that a quorum is not present , but any number may adjourn any meeting .

The Moderator shall determine and announce the presence of a quorum at start of all annual meeting ALL Town Annual meeting shall count the number of entries of all registry votes before entry in meeting place and relay such to the Moderator before start of any annual town meeting , his determination shall be conclusive upon the question of require number for quorum , unless his determination be doubted by 1 registered voter, In which case a count shall be taken and then recorded in the records by the Town Clerk. This may be done At any time.

The Moderator having control over the annual town meeting shall be guided by Town Meeting Times as BOOK prescribed an establish in Article 2 section 17 of Town Templeton bylaws which shall be determined governing factor for the rules of practice here contained for motion for quorum.

**A citizen's petition submitted by Steve Drury and 15 others.**



**A motion was duly made and seconded to move the question.**

**Passed/October 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7:43**

**On main motion**

**Defeated/October 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7:43**

**A motion was duly made and seconded to dissolve the Fall Town Meeting.**

**Passed Unanimously/October 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7:44**

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in each precinct; namely at the Post Office in Templeton, the Post Office in East Templeton, the Post Office in Baldwinville, and at the Town Hall at 160 Patriots Road, East Templeton, fourteen (14) days at least before the time of holding said meeting and by causing notice of the same to be published once in the Gardner News, a newspaper published in said Worcester County, in the City of Gardner.

Given under our hands this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

SELECT BOARD

\_\_\_\_\_  
Michael Currie, Chairman

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Jeff Bennett, Vice Chairman

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Julie Richard, Clerk

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Terry Griffis, Member

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Timothy Toth, Member

OFFICER'S RETURN  
WORCESTER, SS

October 9, 2020

This is to certify that I have served the within warrant by posting attested copies thereof in each precinct; namely, at the Post Office in Templeton, the Post Office in East Templeton, the Post Office in Baldwinville, and at the Town Hall at 160 Patriots Road, East Templeton, fourteen (14) days at least before the time of holding said meeting and by causing notice of the same to be published once in the Gardner News, a newspaper published in said Worcester County, in the City of Gardner.

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Signature of Constable – Town of Templeton

Randy Brown  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Constable Signing Above

A True Copy, ATTEST:

Carol A. Harris  
Town Clerk of Templeton

Meeting Attendance 10-26-2020  
Voters Total 40